

gression on the equal rights of another; and this is all from which the laws ought to restrain him; every man is under the natural duty of contributing to the necessities of the society; and this is all the laws should enforce on him; and, no man having a natural right to be the judge between himself and another, it is his natural duty to submit to the umpirage of an impartial third. When the laws have declared and enforced all this, they have fulfilled their functions; and the idea is quite unfounded, that on entering into society we give up any natural right. (To F. W. Gilmore, 1816. C. VII., 3.)

•ROGUES.—I do not believe with the Rochefoucaulds and Mon-taignes that fourteen out of fifteen men are rogues; I believe a great abatement from that proposition may be made in favor of general honesty. But I have always found that rogues would be uppermost, and I do not know that the proposition is too strong for the higher orders and for those, who rising above the swinish multitude, always contrive to nestle themselves into places o'f power and profit. These rogues set out with stealing the people's good opinion, and then steal from them right of withdrawing it by contriving laws and associations against the power of the people themselves. (To Mann Page, 1795. F. VII, 24.)

ROTATION.—To prevent every danger which might arise to American freedom by continuing too long in office the members of the Continental Congress, to preserve to that body the ^confidence of their friends and to disarm the malignant imputation of their enemies, it is earnestly recommended to the several provinces, Assemblies or Conventions, of the United Colonies that in their future elections of delegates to the Continental Congress one-half at least of the persons chosen be such as were not of the delegation next preceding, and the residue be of such as shall not have served in that office longer than two years. (From a resolution offered in the Continental Congress, 1776. F. IL, 61.)

ROTATION.—The second amendment (*to*- the proposed Constitution) which appears to me essential is the restoring the principle of necessary rotation, particularly to the Senate and